

1998 Heat Related Fatalities

In 1998, heat was the #1 killer with 173 fatalities, more than twice the number (81) reported in 1997. Most of these deaths occurred in Texas (66), Oklahoma, (24), Louisiana (20) Illinois (18) and Pennsylvania (15) in June and July. In 1998, heat related injuries totaled 633, up nearly 20% from 1997. Seniors are most at risk, with those between 60 and 90 years old accounting for 63% of the year's fatalities. Males accounted for 58% of the fatalities and females 40%. As in the past, most related deaths (118) occurred in homes without air conditioning or adequate ventilation. Those most at risk had a contributing health ailment aggravated by the heat.

1998 HEAT RELATED FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BF</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>MH</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>VE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AL	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
AR	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
CA	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
DE	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
FL	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4
IL	0	0	0	0	1	0	17	0	18
KS	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
KY	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
LA	0	0	0	0	0	5	15	0	20
MD	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
MO	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
OK	0	0	0	1	4	1	17	1	24
OR	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
PA	0	0	0	0	10	0	5	0	15
SC	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
TN	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
TX	1	0	1	2	2	8	50	2	66
TOTAL	3	0	1	5	21	19	118	6	173
PERCENT	2	0	1	3	12	11	68	3	100

1998 HEAT RELATED FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	3	1	2	6	3
10 TO 19	0	4	0	4	2
20 TO 29	0	1	0	1	1
30 TO 39	4	6	0	10	6
40 TO 49	1	15	0	16	9
50 TO 59	5	11	0	16	9
60 TO 69	13	9	0	22	13
70 TO 79	12	32	0	44	25
80 TO 89	26	17	0	43	25
90 TO --	6	2	0	8	5
UNKNOWN	0	2	1	3	2
TOTALS	70	100	3	173	100
PERCENT	40	58	2	100	

LEGEND

BF - Ball Field
CA - Camping
GF - Golf
MH - Mobile Home
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
PH - Permanent Home
VE - Vehicle